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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BUSH PAKISTAN VISIT

FOR BYROADE FROM BUSH

REF: ISLAMABAD 11260

1. MRS. BUSH AND I WANT VERY MUCH TO ACCEPT BHUTTO'S INVITATION. INVITATION CONVEYED TO ME ABOUT A YEAR AGO AT WHICH TIME I EXPLAINED TIMING WAS BAD.

2. I PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 22 THROUGH JANUARY 31. MRS. BUSH AND I COULD FLY TO ISLAMABAD FROM PEKING AROUND JANUARY 18. I WOULD PROCEED WASHINGTON, SHE WOULD RETURN PEKING; OR I COULD RETURN

TO PEKING VIA ISLAMABAD, MEETING HER THERE AROUND FEBRUARY 1. OUR PLANS CAN BE TAILORED TO SUIT BHUTTO. I ASSUME VISIT WOULD BE FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.

3. I WILL BE ATTENDING HONOLULU CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE DEC 4 THROUGH DEC 14. PLEASE CABLE ME AT CINCPAC INFO USLO PEKING WHEN YOU RECEIVE REPLY.

4. I ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS--VISIT MAKES SENSE IN CONNECTION WITH USLO DUTIES. I FEEL BHUTTO WOULD BE AFFRONTED IF WE DO NOT COME. BESIDES WE ARE EAGER TO DO IT. THANKS.

BUSH

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